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SUBJECT: MBFR: WORKING GROUP STUDY ON SECURITY IMPLICA-
TIONS OF RELEASE OF NATO AIR FORCE MANPOWER DATA

REF: NATO 6965 DTG 191824Z JUL 77

1. MBFR STAFF GROUP HAS NOW CIRCULATED A REVISED DRAFT
OF STUDY ON SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF RELEASE OF DISAGGRE-
GATED DATA ON NATO AIR FORCE MANPOWER (REFTEL) TO ALL
DELEGATIONS. STAFF GROUP HAS REQUESTED THAT COMMENTS
ON THE DRAFT BE FORWARDED BY AUGUST 19, 1977. NATIONAL
COMMENTS WILL BE INCORPORATED IN A NEW DRAFT THAT WILL
GO ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MBFR WORKING GROUP SESSION,
PROBABLY IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

2. REVISED DRAFT IS IDENTICAL TO REFTTEL, EXCEPT FOR
NEW PARAGRAPH 10 AND 11 ("FINDINGS" SECTION IS NOW
PARA 12). QUOTE. 10. IT HAS BEEN BORNE IN MIND, IN
THE PREPARATION OF THIS PAPER, THAT THE IMMEDIATE ALLIED
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OBJECTIVE IN THE TECHNICAL DATA DISCUSSIONS IS TO LOCATE
PRECISELY AND QUANTIFY, THE DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN WP
TABLED FIGURES AND ALLIED ESTIMATES OF WP STRENGTHS.
TO ENABLE VALID COMPARISON OF THE TWO SIDES FIGURES, IT
IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE EAST PROVIDE FIGURES ON NATIONAL
FORCES OR IN A FORM IN WHICH NATIONAL TOTALS CAN BE
RELIABLY CALCULATED. TO PROBE AND CHALLENGE EASTERN

FIGURES IN DETAIL, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE ALLIES TO OFFER FIGURES TO THE LOWEST LEVEL COMPATIBLE WITH MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY.

- 11. THE WP INTELLIGENCE IS BETTER INFORMED ON ALLIED STRENGTHS AND DISPOSITIONS OF MANPOWER THAN IS ALLIED INTELLIGENCE ON WP STRENGTHS AND DISPOSITIONS, PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF THE OPEN NATURE OF WESTERN SOCIETIES AND THE WESTERN PRACTICE OF PUBLISHING MILITARY DATA; AND PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF THE DENSITY OF THE WP INTELLIGENCE GATHERING ORGANIZATIONS. THERE WOULD, THEREFORE, BE ADVANTAGE FOR THE WEST, BOTH IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEGOTIATING AIM AND IN SUPPLEMENTING ALLIED KNOWLEDGE OF WP FORCES, IN RELEASING ALLIED DATA, WHICH WILL NOT PREJUDICE ALLIED SECURITY IN ORDER TO EVOKE EASTERN REVELATION OF DATA ON WP FORCES. END QUOTE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST COMMENTS THAT WE CAN SUBMIT TO MBFR STAFF GROUP, BY OOB, 18 AUGUST 1977 IF POSSIBLE. BENNETT

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